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Army

1. Albania is always in a state of military preparedness. Although much publicity has been given to the demobilization of 9,000 soldiers by December 1955, the Albanian Army has called the class of '36 and '37 (which totals 10,000 recruits) to the colors and has extended the length of military service from two to three years. Members of the Reserve components are given two months of active duty training each year.

Air

2. Albania has two modern airports, one in Berat and another in Rines (Ura e Zeze).
3. The Berat airstrip is two kilometers long and 65 meters wide. In 1954, underground hangars were built in the hills near Kucova capable of holding four-engine planes. There were 20 Soviet jet planes on the field.
4. Underground hangars for the Rines airfield are under construction in the hills of Kruja. The hangars are scheduled for completion at the end of 1956. The Rines runway is made of concrete blocks 1.44 meters square.
5. There are 60 Soviet jet fighters in Shkoder and 20 (Soviet ?) jet planes in Vlone.
6. About 100 Albanian parachutists are being trained by Soviet instructors at the Tirana airfield.

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Antiaircraft Defenses

7. There are three u/i AA batteries with 10 "powerful" searchlights deployed in the outskirts of Tirana as follows: one battery near Ali Reza barracks, one battery in the Dajti Mountains and one battery on the Petrela hill.
8. In Berat, there are two u/i AA batteries; one is in Kucova and another in the hills opposite Kucova.

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